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- 1. IN LIGHT MAJOR EMPHASIS SOVIETS GIVING V-E DAY COMMEMORATIONS AND REFTEL A, POST SUGGESTS IN PARA. 2 POSSIBLE VOA RUSSIA SERIES AND SUMS UP IN PAR. 3 PREVIOUSLY-DISCUSSED ACTIVITIES FROM U.S. ANGLE.
- 2. VOA MAY WISH PICK UP ON U.S. ROLE IN WWII IN SERIES PEGGED TO (A) WHERE ARE THEY NOW ANGLE, I.E., PEOPLE AND PRODUCTS ACTIVE THEN IN SOVIET UNION (STUDEBAKER TRUCKS, SPAM, UPI BUREAU CHIEF HENRY SHAPIRO WHO NOW SEMI-RETIRED AT UNIV. OF WISCONSIN, VETERANS FOR WHOM SOME LEADS AVAILABLE WITH IEELIT AND THROUGH AMERIAK 1974 STORY ON ELBE MEETING); AND (B) "HISTORICAL" REPORTS ON SECOND FRONT, LEND-LEASE AND OTHER ETO#DOWNPLAYED

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- 3. POST ALSO NOTES THESE RELEVANT ACTIVITIES IN VARIOUS STAGES OF ACTION:
- A) LIGHT BOX EXHIBIT (REFTEL B);
- B) BILATERAL WARTIME COOPERATION PHOTOS FOR LOCAL PRESS USE (REFTEL C);
- C) U.S. V-E COMMEMORTIONS FOR PRAVDA (REFTEL D);
- D) WWII FEATURE FILM REQUEST FOR TV AND OTHER SHOWING (REFTEL E);
- E) POST-WRITTEN U.S.-MURMANSK ARTICLE FOR SOVIET AND PERHAPS U.S. MAGAZINE (REFTEL F).
- 4. FYI, TIME MAGAZINE AT PRAVD'S REQUEST LOOKING FOR COPIES OF ERSKINE CALDWELL'S WARTIME ARTICLES IN LIFE MAGAZINE AND END-OF-WAR STORY OR STORIES SHOWING JOINT US-USSR WAR EFFORT.
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